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# Making the right choices

# Content

By the end of this presentation, you will:

- Understand the options available when you leave school
- Know the different types of university and college courses
- Understand what you need to do to apply to university or college



# Choices available



Higher  
education



Apprenticeships/  
traineeships



Studying  
abroad



Gap year



Getting a job

Register for the UCAS Hub to understand the options available and make choices that are right for you: [ucas.com/hub](https://ucas.com/hub)

# Apprenticeship advice

UCAS provides [apprenticeship advice](#) to help students make informed decisions about their post-16 and post-18 opportunities.

Find out about:

- the different types of apprenticeships
- how to find and apply for apprenticeships
- preparing for the application and interview process

With the predicted growth of higher and degree apprenticeships, you'll also find a dedicated [degree and professional apprenticeships section](#) on [ucas.com](https://ucas.com), which profiles current programmes in more detail.

# Why higher education?

- Essential for some career paths.
- Develop new transferable skills and subject knowledge.
- Increase your confidence and independence.
- Broaden your experiences.
- Meet new people
- Show yourself what you can do.
- Invest in your future



# Higher education study options

- Certificate of Higher Education (CertHE) and Diploma of Higher Education (DipHE): first and second year of a degree course.
- Higher National Certificate (HNC) and Higher National Diploma (HND): HNC is a one-year work-related course, and the HND is a two-year work-related course.
- Foundation degree: flexible vocational qualification, combining both academic study and workplace learning. It usually takes two years to complete.
- Bachelor's or undergraduate degree: a three to four-year course which can also be available as a part-time option, allowing you to study and work.

# Types of courses available

- **Single:** study one subject.
- **Joint honours degree:** divide your time 50:50 between two subjects.
- **Major/minor:** study two subjects, normally at a 75:25 ratio.
- **Combined honours programme:** study between two to four subjects, specialising in just two subjects in years two and three.
- **Modular courses:** build a personalised course by choosing modules you're interested in.
- **Sandwich courses:** courses with one year in industry or a year abroad.
- **Foundation year:** if you don't have the right qualifications, some universities and colleges offer this to help students prepare for and enter higher education.

# What's right for you?

There are a number of things for you to consider when applying for higher education, such as:

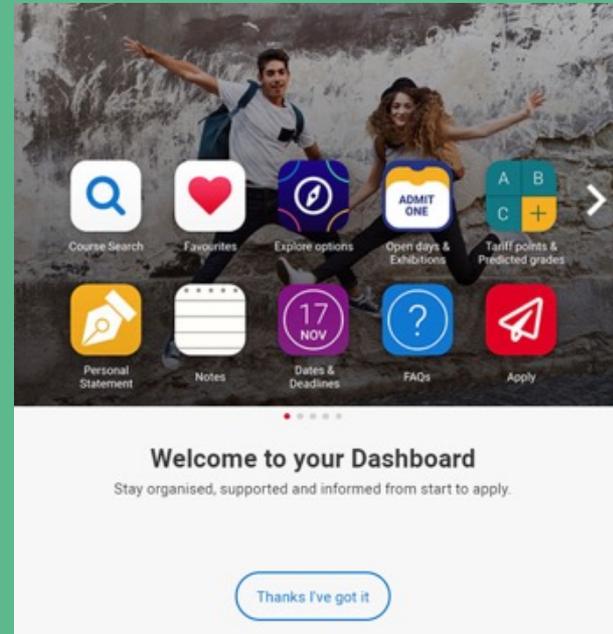
- a subject **you** enjoy – you are investing time, money, and effort
- whether it's right for your career path – check with employers
- location – city or rural, transport links
- a study style that suits you
- extracurricular activities
- finances



# Starting your research

Register in UCAS Hub to:

- explore careers, subjects, universities and apprenticeships
- find and favourite over 35,000 courses
- search for virtual tours and online events
- turn predicted grades into Tariff points
- speak to those in the know using [Unibuddy](#)
- speak to career, higher education, and application specialists by attending the [Hub lives](#).
- explore [job profiles](#) to discover different career roles and pathways.
- Start an application for 2022 entry (from May 2021)



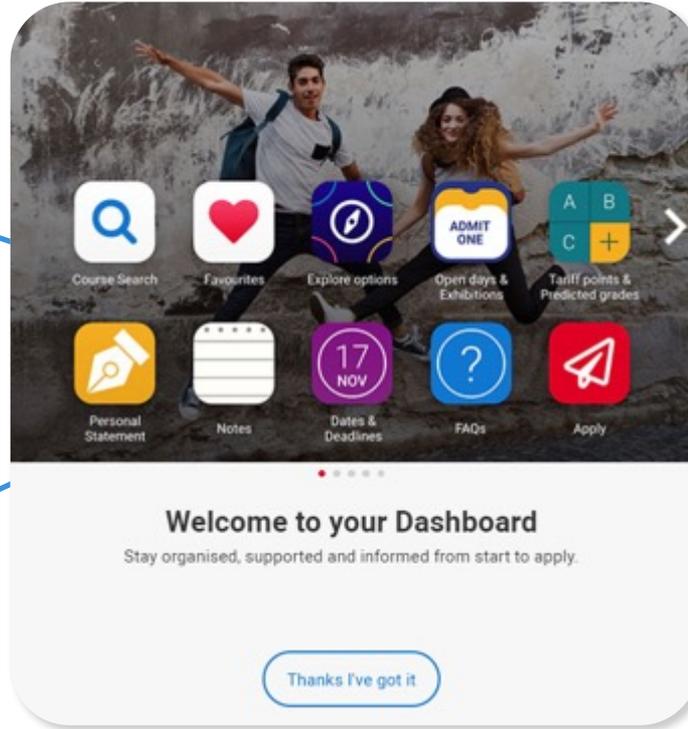
# 'I'm overwhelmed by all the choice...'

## Get organised:

Tools to search, favourite, shortlist, reflect, diary, and build application.

## Define what's important:

Distance from home, teaching satisfaction, work experience options, job outcomes...



## Make it yours:

Organise tools, remove the ones they don't need, and tick off their to do list. It's their space, and their future.

## You might not have thought of...

Expand horizons by pushing options they might not have considered.

# Free tools to help...



**Discovery Days** - at UCAS/Discovery you can explore all kinds of possibilities. Talk to subject and admissions experts, discover apprenticeships, get advice on personal statements, applying through UCAS, and more. Get stuck in and open your mind to a world of opportunities.



**Join our UCAS Hub lives and Facebook lives** -each live session is hosted by an expert panel to give you what you need to make an informed decision.



**Accommodation Search**- accommodation is high on the list when considering where you want to study, but it's not always easy to compare what's on offer. Understand what options there are using our new Accommodation search.



## How to find the right student accommodation for you

This is it. Life is good. You're going to uni. Is it going to be the party paradise of on-campus halls, or a flat-share right in the middle of town? Maybe the cost of rent will decide, what supports on hand, or whether there's a bus stop...

[read more](#)

# Additional help

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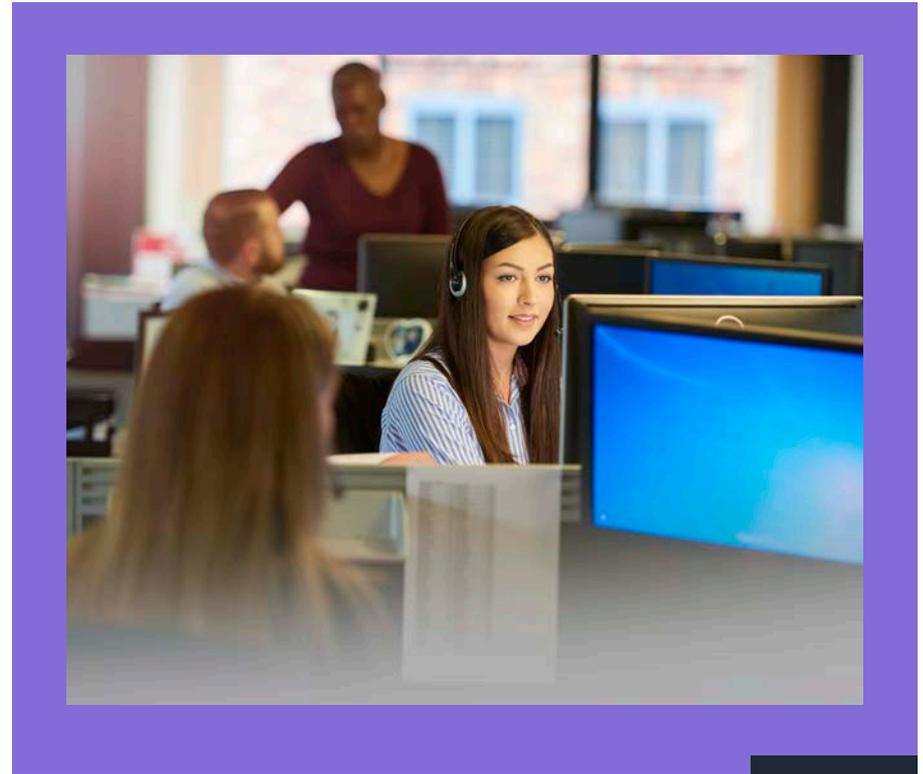
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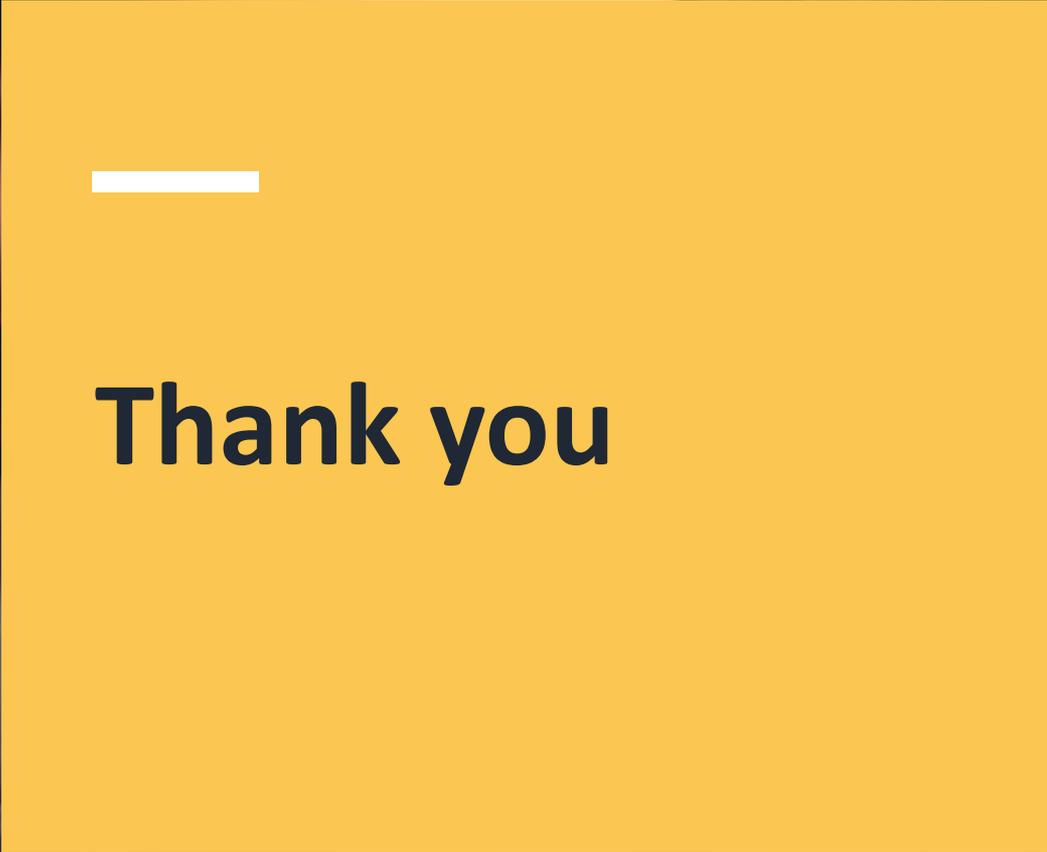
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